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FIRE COMPANY

ARCADIA. WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

It won't be long until the water-pipes are laid and Arcadia has water. It is time to talk of a volunteer fire company to buy hose and reel and others to buy ladders and buckets. Ten properly drilled, with ladders and buckets, could have stopped the big fire at the E. T. Smith property.

Let us get ready before there is another fire. Water and a fire company will cut a big figure in our insurance.

We have been waiting for some one else to say something but no one else took the lead. Now I propose that the permanent residents who are in favor of this move and are willing to give their names to the city and join a volunteer fire company will leave their names with THE CHAMPION so that the citizens will know the names they have to select from.

J. J. MYER.

June Examination.

Following is a list of those taking the June examination in Arcadia this week:

Mary H. Rainey
Belle Murdock
Ione Waldron
Carlton
H. Bethea
H. H. Bethea
Mary V. Platt
Anna Stanton
Anna Crews
Thur Crews
Hattie Mae Cash
Ada Nut
F. Murphy
Gabe Whidden
Lettie Carlton
Ester Skipper
Dick Holzendorf
Viola Anderson
Zilla Murphy
Willie Ellis
Eugenia Swindall
Emma Swindall
Etta Winegard
Little Watterson
Lillian Davis
Jennie Carlton
Bessie Gill
Ray K. Crews
Bessie Lastinger
Ray Crews

DeSoto's Financial Condition.

EDITOR CHAMPION: Being requested by many citizens for an accurate statement of DeSoto's financial condition, I hereby state that, after deducting outstanding warrants, the county on this day, June 6, 1906, a balance of \$31,135 (thirty-one thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars), as follows:

General Revenue Fund.....	\$ 9,623
and accounts.....	14,799
Debt and Forfeiture Fund..	1,589
School Fund.....	5,124
	\$31,135

Respectfully,

WILLIAM KING,
Chairman.

Early Watermelons.

The first car of watermelons to reach Arcadia was received yesterday by J. J. Barnes-Fain Co., of 37 South Broad street.

Although this firm stands among the youngest business houses in

the city, they are by no means in the rear when it comes to getting shipments of produce and fruits, and as a proof of their hustling qualities they are the first to receive a car of watermelons on this market this season, and will have no trouble in disposing of them at fair prices, as the demand for this article always meets with ready sale on the Atlanta market.

This car of melons left Gardner, Fla., May 29, and was grown and shipped by Messrs. Fussell & Roberts, thereby giving them the honor of placing the first car of melons on the Atlanta market this season.—Ex.

Vote for Your Own Interest.

I am voting for W. H. Hooker and against division, just because my interests are in Arcadia. It is a very sorry man that will vote against his own interest.

I have lived in three states and paid taxes in five counties. The lowest millage was in the county with the largest population and the highest millage in the smallest populated county, which is DeSoto county. If there was a much time spent in getting good people to settle here and increase our population as there is in trying to get office old DeSoto would get on the largest boom she ever had.

J. J. MYER.

Arcadia, 6 4, 1906.

A Prize Winner.

J. Fletcher Pace this week received the second prize in the Victor Talking Machine Co.'s contest on "The Best and Most Successful Way to Push Victor Record and Talking Machine Sales."

The contest was open to all Victor agents and was to be from the actual methods and experience of the agents.

Mr. Pace's entry was based on advertising matter written by himself and designed and printed in THE CHAMPION office.

This is the highest kind of a compliment both to Mr. Pace and our printery and shows that Arcadia has at least two firms who can compete successfully with the best in their line in any part of the United States.

This is the second time within the past three months that "Champion Artistically Neat Printing" has been entered in prize contests in competition with the best printers in the land, and we have received one first and one second prize.

A Fine Serenade.

Last Tuesday night I was awakened by a crowd of Arcadia boys singing. I greatly enjoyed the music, which was very well led by their efficient tenor, A. W. Holden. I hope they will keep it up. Let's not discourage them by running them off when they visit us.

A READER.

St. Joseph Academy.

We are in receipt of the following from Miss Mathilde Helen Mitchell, a graduate of St. Joseph Academy, of Washington, Ga.:

The Graduating Class of St. Joseph Academy requests the honor of your presence at the Commencement Exercises Friday, June fifteenth Washington, Georgia

One of the hottest political campaigns of her history was closed in Tampa Tuesday by the election of Frecker for Mayor.

OUR NEIGHBORS

INTERESTING NEWS OF NEARBY COMMUNITIES.

Bowling Green Items.

Bowling Green is the banner town of South Florida for watermelons. Yesterday our farmers shipped and loaded ten cars of melons and one of tomatoes.

J. M. Tucker had loaded fourteen cars of melons up to Monday evening. Ten of these cars he sold here from \$200 to \$250 per car the other four at \$175.

A. J. Wilson & Son are making heavy shipments of melons. A. S. Graddy, Clark Bros., E. T. Hill and A. T. Collins are also heavy shippers.

Our farmers and merchants are too busy to talk politics; but when the time comes to vote they will be on hand "with the goods" against county division. One of our prominent citizens in a conversation with Hon. Park Trammel, senator from Polk county and speaker of the house, was informed by that gentleman that should Editor Jordan be elected on that platform for division and that is the sole issue, that the county would surely be divided and that Senator Humphries could not defeat it. So Mr. Voter don't be "coddled" into voting for Mr. Jordan on the grounds it will not effect division. Brother Elam Carlton wants a county office badly and Editor Goolsby wants to "feather his nest" with the county printing and there are others, if they can pull division. We want more farmers more orange groves and less political office seekers. Editor Sparkman has killed himself both with division and anti-division. Both sides ever in the future will be afraid of him. He is too easy to "flop."

A. O. Jones is building a handsome residence on Ross Avenue.

J. R. Windham is building a nice cottage in Lewis Baldwin's Addition.

Mrs. W. J. Burts, of Tampa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Minor.

Hiram Sauls has purchased a lot on Ross avenue.

Mrs. H. M. Rudesill entertained some young folks Tuesday evening.

Hon. T. R. Starke attended the meeting of the county school board Tuesday.

Harry Stansfield, of Wauchula, was a visitor to our town Sunday.

Gardner Items.

Warm dry days.

Coker & Prine lost a lot of lumber and saw mill tools by fire.

Gladstone Sellers, of Pine Level, spent a little time with his father on Wednesday last.

Quite an enthusiastic school meeting was held last Monday night and decided to appropriate the special tax money toward lengthening the school term. With this special tax money we will likely extend our school three months. This should be an incentive toward getting a good teacher.

Our people will be supplied with fresh beef by Rosco Mizell he having bought out the interest of T. W. Coker. Mr. Mizell will take charge at once.

The latest fad in the way of business is just begun by Durrance & Sealey, and almost any time of day Miss Fannie Co er can be seen plying the ice shaver or dishing out the ice cream to Gardner's dry and thirsty people. Both these young men are popular and will no doubt make a grand success of their undertaking.

Our place is receiving farther improvement by getting into shape an up-to-date blacksmith shop. This shop will be run by McKoy & Mercer.

The young people are continually having a good time by meeting and singing. Then we have the sociables the debating clubs, the literary and something for the young folks almost every night. My, My! How the young folks do enjoy themselves and worry the older one's coming stalking in "in the wee sma hours."

But while we have been having a good time, it has been no less the profitable as every man and boy in the place have been taxed to the utmost loading watermelons for Fussell & Roberts and Johnson & Fielder.

Whoopee, Gardner is coming but don't want county kivation.

LITTLE BROWN EYES.

To Drain or Not to Drain.

The question of drainage of the Everglades is a live one and seems to me has been entered upon without due consideration. It can of course be done, but who knows the cost and the advantages to be gained?

With thousands of acres of good land yet unoccupied it does look like it might be wise to await at least an estimate of the cost by competent men before starting in on the job that may leave the state in debt thousands of dollars.

Then Ockochobee is not a desirable residence locality to be farmed successfully it will take large gangs of cheap men and where are they? We are not ready for coolie labor yet, the "darkie" don't hanker for the job and the white man intends the other fellow shall do the sweating, so there we are. Let us call a halt till we know more than we do now.

IRVING KECK.

Backed by ample capital, J. N. Lummus and Dr. E. W. Pugh have made arrangements to open in Miami a branch of the Oppenheimer Institutes for the cure of alcoholic, drug and nervous diseases.

As it is rumored that whisky will be freely used in the primary election next Tuesday, it may be well to call attention to the fact that it is strictly prohibited by a recently enacted law.

Section 1 of chapter 5190, Act of 1903, reads as follows:

That any person or persons who shall carry or give away any vinous, malt, spirituous or alcoholic liquor within one mile of the voting place in any election district in any of the counties of the State of Florida, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$100 nor exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail not less thirty days nor more than ninety days, or by either or both.

Sec. 2.—The provisions of this act are not intended to abrogate any existing laws.

Approved June 3rd, 1903.

It has been charged that, in the primary of May 15th, liquor flowed copiously at several polling places, whereat the temperance people were greatly scandalized. Now that these good people are cited to the law, it behoves to see that it is not violated next Tuesday.—Punta Gorda Herald.

NEWS OF FLORIDA

INTERESTINGLY TOLD FOR BUSY READERS.

Sanford is planning to celebrate the glorious Fourth.

Miami will celebrate its tenth anniversary on July 4th with a great carnival.

The Jacksonville carnival will be held during the week beginning Monday, November 5.

The Tribunes force of printers was called out by the executive committee of the Tampa union, Sunday night. The paper appeared Monday through the aid of the men employed in the job department. They now have a new crew.

W. H. Mallard, an engineer on the A. C. L., was instantly killed and the fireman, William Maxwell colored, was seriously injured, by their engine colliding with a passenger train which was standing on the main line at Newberry Friday. Mallard was running his engine into the station to make up his train. There was a heavy fog, and he crashed into the passenger train without seeing it.

Captain John Miller, who, in the auxiliary yacht Tarpon, went out last week to search for traces of the schooner Vandalia, Captain W. J. Fogarty, which sailed from Key West for Tampa over a month ago, has returned, having found the Vandilla, bottom up, five miles off Cape Manshoal, 200 miles south of Tampa. No traces of Captain Fogarty or his crew of four men were found. It is believed all were drowned.

Mrs. Radbaugh expects to leave on Monday for Richmond, Va., where she will perfect arrangements for exhibiting her fine collection of silk-worms and their products at the Jamestown Exposition. Visitors to the Dade County Fair for several years have been interested in the exhibition of the worms, cocoons, reeled silk and dainty articles woven from it. Mrs. Radbaugh has quite a quantity of the raw silk which she will have woven during the summer to place in her exhibit. Her Miami friends wish her a pleasant and successful time in Virginia, and are glad Dade County will be represented at the great exposition by so attractive an exhibit.—Miami News.

The journeymen plumbers of Tampa have now been out on a strike for about four weeks, and at the present time there is practically no change in the situation. The master plumbers report that work in their line for the past several weeks has been exceedingly light and that they have not been inconvenienced to a great extent. The consensus of opinion is that as soon as the campaign is over the plumbers will come to amicable terms. The cause of the strike was due to a new set of rules adopted by the master plumbers, which differed slightly from the ones which were formerly used by the journeymen plumbers.—Tampa Herald.

Commissioners and School Board met in Arcadia this week.